

## ***Saint Mark Orthodox Church***

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### SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON FEBRUARY 4, 2018

<b>EPISTLE</b> 1 Cor. 6:12 – 20	<b>GOSPEL</b> Luke 15:11 – 32	Tone 2
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#### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (ca. 436 – 440). Rt. Blv. George, Great Prince of Vladimir (1238). Ven. Kirill (Cyril), Abbot and Wonderworker of Novoezersk (Novgorod – 1532). Ven. Abraham and Coprius, of Pechenga (Vologdá – 15<sup>th</sup> c.). Martyr Jadorus (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela in Assyria (ca. 344 – 347). Ven. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of Studion (868).

Sunday	Feb	4	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Prodigal Son
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
			11:30a	Church School
Tuesday	Feb	6	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group
Saturday	Feb	10	4:30p	Memorial Service for Jane Sass
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Feb	11	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy – Last Judgment (Meatfare)
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Choir Rehearsal
			11:30a	Church School

The **Altar Candle** is donated by **The Hydock Family**, Memory Eternal to loving Mother and Baba **Olga Ference**. May Her Memory be Eternal!

The **Sanctuary Candle** is donated by **Joan Mitchum** in celebration of grandson **Jonathon's** birthday! God Grant Him Many Years!

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
Feb 4	Brasovernu-Tarpy	Prentice	Kerch	Thompson
Feb 10	<b>Meat</b>	<b>Fare</b>	<b>Potluck</b>	<b>Korokov</b>

### Choir Directors, Readers, Preparers, Greeters, & Altar Servers

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Feb 4	C. Berencz	M. Phinney	Mka. G. Phelps	M. Hydock & C. Williamson	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch
Feb 10	J. Sokich	M. Lungociu	Dn. D. Phelps	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	J. Sedor M. Sedor

### Classes

#### Bible Study

Saturday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Following Vespers
Saturday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Following Vespers

**TO OUR VISITORS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:** If you are seeking a quiet place to nurse or calm a rambunctious child, there are two rooms off of the main hallway on this floor to serve you. Our library is the second door on the left as well as our teen classroom, the last door on the left, at the end of the hallway. The library has rocking chairs, and both rooms offer comfortable couches and moderate privacy. Changing tables are located in the Ladies room on the upper level and in the Men's room on the lower level.

**PRAYER REQUEST – O Christ, You alone are our Defender: Visit and help Thy servants who are in need of your help, protection and healing. Among them: Christina Berencz, Migs & Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret & Bill Dove; Julie Flick; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; Karen Nichols; Timothy Parrish; Eric John Pederson; Clint Perdue; Mark Phinney; Helen & Francisco Salas; Alexandra Sedor; Peter Sielinski; Olga Skenderska; Don & Peter Truitt; Beth Tucker.**

Please pray for **Margaret**, Mary Carol Ashley's mother; Ellen Barber's friends **Bruce** and **Pamela**; Tina Burpee's mother **Margaret**, brother-in-law **James**, cousin **Andrew** and friend, **Edward**; Christine Cacic's friend, **Carmen**; **John & Suzette** Eremin; Julia Flick's son, **James** Shimer, and her stepdaughter, **Jeanie** Folton; Karina Fortuny's god-daughter infant **Maria**, Maria's parents **Tzvetelina** and **Lyubomir**, and brother **Ioan**; Marge German's sister, **Elaine**, grandson, **Joshua** and friend **Louise**, who is recovering from triple by-pass surgery; **Jeff** Jordan, friend of the Hardy family; Jurretta Heckscher's father, **Stevens**; Margie Johnson's granddaughter **Nadia**. **Will & Janie** McNamara, friends of Christina Kalavritinos; **Carole** Roberts, mother of Tammy Karas; **Olga**, friend of Helen Kerch; Mat. Jan and Fr. Mark Koczak's friend, **Metropolitan Isaiah** (Georgian Patriarchate); **Mary** Everhart, mother of Ted Koopersmith; Michael Lungociu's brother-in-law, **Douglas**, and a friend's mother, **Gitta** Finch; Marilyn Macht's friend, **Priscilla** Colby and Marilyn's cousins **Helen** and **Linda**. Anelia Rotunda's father, **Ivan**; Friend of Debbie Sieff, **Fr. Taras** Chubenko, of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Carteret, NJ, who is recovering from esophageal surgery; Peter Sielinski's friends **Brenda & Jim** Hall, **Kelly**, **Samuel**, **Ron**, **Pat**, **Bailey**, **Jenn** and **Matt**; Sharon Sielinski's niece **Taylor**; Olga & Slavina Skenderska's cousins, **Desi & Stanislav**, and friends **Catherine & Justin**; Ellen Thompson's daughter, **Sonya**; **Don Truitt's** parents; friends of St. Mark, **Tanya & James** Twyman; Friend of St. Mark **Linda** Weir; **Christen** and infant **Alexander**

**Deliver them from sickness and grievous pains. Raise them up that they may sing to Thee and praise Thee without ceasing, through the prayers of the Theotokos and all your Saints!**



# PRODIGAL SON

**MEMORY ETERNAL** to Dean Balamaci's brother, James., who fell asleep in the Lord on January 31st. Please keep James, Dean, and the Balamaci family in your prayers.

**MEMORY ETERNAL** to Richard Berencz, Father of Michael Berencz, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 26th. Please keep Richard, Michael and Christina and the entire Berencz family in your prayers.

**WAYS TO HELP STEPPING STONES:** Stepping Stones Shelter has a list of items it always desperately needs. These are detergent, dishwasher soap, hand soap, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo. Just household staples. Lately, I have been buying one or two extra items when I go shopping to take to them - like whatever is on sale - and taking it over. If you'd like to participate but don't live in Rockville you can give stuff to me to run over. Kim Lungociu

**ST. MARK FOCA — Gifts of Love 2018:** Gifts of Love is a yearly dedicated appeal supporting a specific fund or organization. The 2018 Gifts of Love collection will go to IOCC for ongoing Hurricane Relief. The collection will be next Sunday, February 11th following Divine Liturgy. Checks can be made out to St. Mark FOCA with Gifts of Love in the memo. Thank you for your support.

**ST. MARK OUTREACH IS LOOKING FOR YOU!** St. Mark needs a food pantry chairperson for 2018 to keep and maintain inventory, organize collection drives, and purchase additional items with collected funds. If you are interested in this helping with this very important community effort, please see Fr. Gregory or John Bilyeu.

**BIBLE STUDY:** will take place on February 10th, following Vespers. "Joshua's Challenge"

**YOUTH GROUP RETREAT:** The youth group is hosting a Lenten retreat on February 10th and 2:30 in the church hall. Father Tim will give a lecture about confession, we will make blessing bags, and more! Anyone in 5—12th grade is welcome! Email me if you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list. [leforss@gmail.com](mailto:leforss@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY:** Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers is scheduled for 5pm at St. Sophia Cathedral on February 25th. Constantine (Dean) Triantafilou, Executive Director of IOCC, will be our speaker this year.

**ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB:** If you enjoy a good read followed by a worthy discussion, please consider attending the St. Mark Woman's Book Club. We choose books well in advance and then meet on the last Sunday of every month to discuss the merits of our choices. February 25th—*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the birth of the FBI* by David Grann and others; March 25th—*Miller's Valley* by Anna Quinlan; April 29th—*Saints for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan. Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mat. Sasha for more details.

**ROOMATE NEEDED: From Mary Carol Ashley**—Would it be possible to advertise this "roommate wanted ad" for my mom's friend who needs to rent out a room in her townhouse? Her name is Dee Denton and she is 84 years old and needs some financial help. She is a very sweet lady (not Orthodox but is very familiar with the Orthodox church since she is good friends with my Syrian Orthodox family).

**Furnished room in Rockville Townhouse to rent with private bath, kitchen and laundry usage. Parking out front.  
\$600.00 per month (includes all utilities)**

**Call Dee - 301-424-4214**

Dee fell last year and broke some ribs and has not been able to work, get out to do grocery shopping etc. for a long while. Her neighbors help her a lot but it would help if she had financial assistance by renting a room. Her last roommate stayed several years and was happy there.  
With love, Mary Carol

***Happy Birthday To You!***  
***May God Grant You Many Years!***

- 5 Gabriel Baleanu  
Victoria Olynik  
Fr. Gregory Safchuk
- 6 Anna Catherine Mersereau
- 7 Abigail Datch
- 8 Juliana Moser  
Rosty Shiller

**HOUSE BLESSINGS:** Fr. Gregory will be contacting parishioners to schedule house blessings, but if parishioners have a preference for a specific date and time, they may contact Fr. Gregory at any time. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 2018 St. Mark Food Festival and Bazaar will take place November 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2018! Mark your calendars!

**NEW KITCHEN PURCHASES** Three new utility carts have been purchased to replace the previous ones that had become too unstable. Unfortunately, they are too tall to store under the stainless steel counter. Please store them in the back of the kitchen when not in use. Also, two new identical 60-cup coffee pots have been purchased. Please be careful of the glass tube on the front of the pots when using them. It can be broken when hit up against something.

**LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 19th!** Lent is almost here! Please see below the schedule of services for the first week of Lent. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

**Monday, February 19th** — Canon of St. Andrew 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, February 20th** — Canon of St. Andrew 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, February 21st** — Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 PM  
Lenten Lecture 7:30 PM

**Thursday, February 22nd** — Canon of St. Andrew 7:00 PM